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France and the United States.—The Programme of Napoleon.

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PARIS, January 16.—The following is an extract from an article in this morning's edition of the Emperor's personal organ, *La Patrie*.

The cotton industry will suffer a forced-inactivity until the relations of Europe with the United States shall be re-established on their former basis.

And such is especially the end which it is our duty to pursue and seek to realize, no matter at what price. One of the means which seems to be most proper and expedient to arrive at this result, was indicated in this place three days ago, and has not yet found a contra factor.

"Force the blockade sword in hand."

"The plan is both proud and prompt."

Now it is to-day a well-settled fact, that the battle of Frascati being has finally brought the last doubtless members of the French Government to the conviction that the separation in the United States is final, and that the future policy of the French Government is to be based on this dangerous assumption. The nation being therefore divided into two, and the claim of the old Union, with all its souvenirs gone, why, they say, shall we not have cotton and a revival of trade?

The officers of the French army may be heard now on all occasions expressing the opinion that they can land on the American shore with a hundred thousand French soldiers and march straight through the country, —which is only another way of expressing the contempt which has been inspired by the failure of the American army. And however much we may hold this expression of opinion in contempt, it has an important political significance, since the Emperor, who reposes on his army, is always ready to be agreeable to it, and delights in this confidence of his officers in their great superiority.

I am told that at the following is the programme of the French Government at the present moment: The government, having made an arrangement with Mr. Seward for a large quantity of cotton, will ask the American government for facilities for getting it out, promising, at the same time, that no contraband of war shall be introduced in exchange, and if the American government will not consent to this, they will take it by force.

The Moniteur seems to have gone on frankly in favor of the rebellion. It abhors the government for not putting Gen. Butler on trial, and praises Gen. Banks with that faint praise which gives one the impression that they are sorry for the change in Generals, since they have thus lost a capital point in the anticipated quarrel with the United States.

The FREE SOIL IN WASHINGTON.—AN ADVANCE IN HOOKER.—A PEAK BEHIND THE SCENE.

There was a general clamor in Washington for an early advance by Hooker, but the Yankees were far from being sanguine of the result. So far from it, we are told that there was a very great depression in the public mind, and many openly predicted the defeat of Hooker. Many expected in the Administration holding to the clamor, and predicted that it would be but leading them into a "Washington pit." They cited the record of Butler, and even pointed out the secretaries Hooker would share the same fate, whatever he should attempt or advance. Military men in conversation with our friend (now) freely expressed this opinion and declared that it would be madness to move on the rebel works at Fredericksburg. Our informant could not discover what was the plan of those who opposed a forward movement at Fredericksburg, and says that there was such a diversity of opinion and such a blustering and wrangling of tongues at Washington that there seemed to be no definite program of action; that there was no concert of action, no harmony of feelings; and that the Yankees were drifting about like a ship at sea without rudder or compass.

Everything has been done in Washington to get Hooker ready for an advance. The last man had been sent him, everything was held spell bound, and the issues on the Rappahannock. Soon after the "council of war" held at the White House, which Hooker attended, reinforcements—but how many is not known—were sent to him. It was understood that this was done by Lincoln as final concession and that "Fighting Joe" was plainly given to understand that it was all that would be done for him, and that he must advance on the rebels with the greatest energy. Our informant could not discover what was the plan of those who opposed a forward movement at Fredericksburg, and says that there was such a diversity of opinion and such a blustering and wrangling of tongues at Washington that there seemed to be no definite program of action; that there was no concert of action, no harmony of feelings; and that the Yankees were drifting about like a ship at sea without rudder or compass.

For weeks past—I might almost say months—we have had a constant succession of victories. What a change since last year! For some time the papers cheered us into believing that the battle of Murfreesboro' was a Confederate defeat, but, I now see, first the Confederates claim it as a victory. The capture of the Harriet Lane was a brilliant feat.

What glorious Generals, and officers and soldiers the South has produced, especially Virginia. Mrs. —— has just sent me a photograph of Stonewall Jackson; what a fine intelligent brow, and what an earnest, thoughtful face he has!

Avonia Jones is permanently engaged in London, but allowed to visit the provinces and play occasion. She glories in her Southern birth at a Southern sympathy, and never misses a chance of making it known.—She thinks that the English people in general are favorable to the South; this has been my estimate of the views.

The climate still continues delightful. The laurel hedges or walls, rather, for they are twelve inches high—in the Belvoir garden and on the Casino, are in full bloom, and wild violets and lilies of the valley were at least in the middle of January.

COLONIZATION OF BLACKS.—A Washington paper says that the President has closed the contract proposed sometime ago by Mr. Bernard Cock, for the voluntary colonization of negroes on the Iberian Island. The contract is for the colonization of 5,000 persons at a cost of \$50 dollars each, to be paid by the United States, the cost not to be furnished with free farms on the island. A society of free persons of color, desirous of emigrating to Florida, has been organized in New Orleans, with W. C. Johnson as President.

RAPOS.—The Southern Recorder states that in Milledgeville within the last few days a mercantile firm purchased from one person \$230 worth of corn brooms, which are sold at one dollar each. The person who raised the corn and made the brooms at odd intervals of time, is a slave in Baldwin county. An acre or half acre of ground will no doubt suffice for such a yield, and we commend the example to all housekeepers in the country.

A Visit to Washington by one who kept his Share of Privileges.

We have had a long and interesting conversation with a gentleman of high position and intelligence who has just returned from a reconnaissance of the Yankee Capitol. He was in Washington for some time, and was a close observer of events there incident to the close of Congress. With an adroitness and boldness he eluded all suspicion, and mingled so freely with all the most prominent of the public men and politicians, informing himself as far as he could, of the military situation, the feeling of the people and the prospect of the North. With his permission, we give our readers a sketch of some interesting facts, which we have been able to gather in the course of the conversation with him:

THE DEFENSES OF WASHINGTON.

Washington is the Capitol and stronghold of the enemy, and everything has been done to make it impregnable. The panic after the first battle of Manassas has not been forgotten by these, and King Abram keeps the Scotch cap and military cloak in every convenient place, from fear that he may some morning awake to find himself a fugitive from his Capital. Indeed, Washington is by no means considered safe, and the phantom of the "rebel army" at its gates still disturbs the slumbers of a great many of its citizens. King Abram's attack is reposed under the conservancy of the whole North world in itself against us. The administration failed to attempt its enforcement, and hoped to evade it by inducing their men, by the offer of leave, furloughs, both State and Government, to remain in the service. 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